



Grand Avenue Feasibility Study (Loop 303 to Loop 101)

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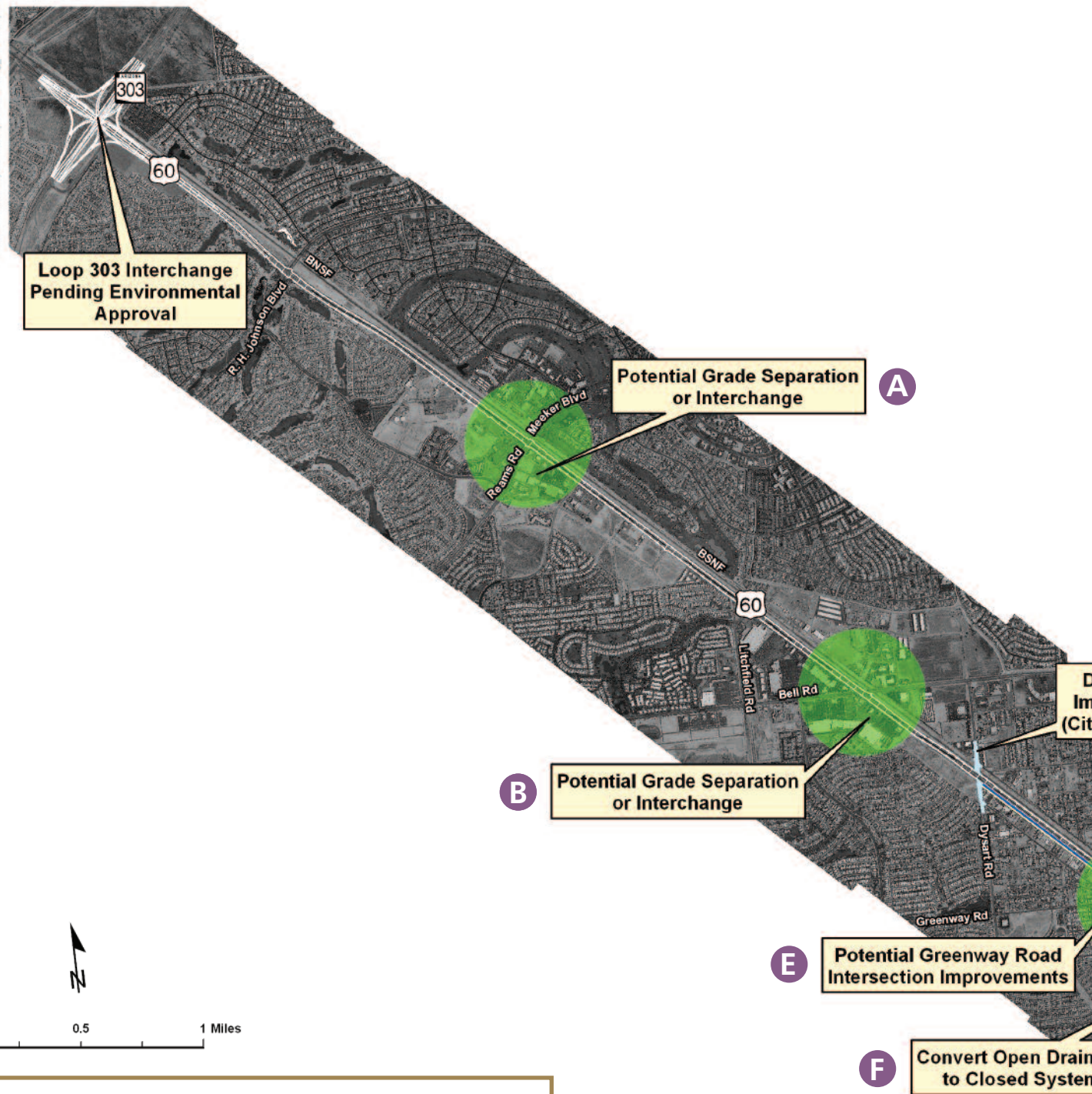
Study Goals

The Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT), in conjunction with its local municipal partners and the Federal Highway Administration, has initiated a study to evaluate potential future improvements to US 60 (Grand Avenue). The purpose of the study is to identify, evaluate and recommend potential improvement projects along Grand Avenue between Loop 303 and Loop 101 that are consistent with the 20-year Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for Maricopa County and previous studies and recommendations for this corridor by the Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG).

Phase II (2011-2016) of the RTP provides \$64 million in funding for “unspecified” improvements to Grand Avenue from Loop 303 to Loop 101 that are consistent with MAG planning studies. ADOT is seeking public input to help prioritize projects for consideration.

Improvements identified as part of the feasibility study would be in addition to the two planned Grand Avenue widening projects between Loop 303 and 83rd Avenue, which are scheduled to be constructed in Phase I of the RTP (2006-2010). These two projects – 99th to 83rd avenues and from Loop 303 to 99th Avenue – will widen Grand Avenue from four to six lanes to create three continuous lanes in each direction.

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Grand Avenue Feasibility Study Proposed Projects

Grand Avenue Projects Under Consideration (Loop 303 to Loop 101)

A Grade separation (e.g., overpass or underpass) at Meeker/Reems

- Access to Del Webb Hospital
- BNSF Railway a consideration

Grade separations, traffic interchanges or grade-separated traffic interchanges at:

B Bell Road

C 103rd Avenue

D 107th Avenue

- Interchanges and grade-separated traffic interchanges would provide access to Grand Avenue – grade separations would not

E Greenway Road intersection improvements

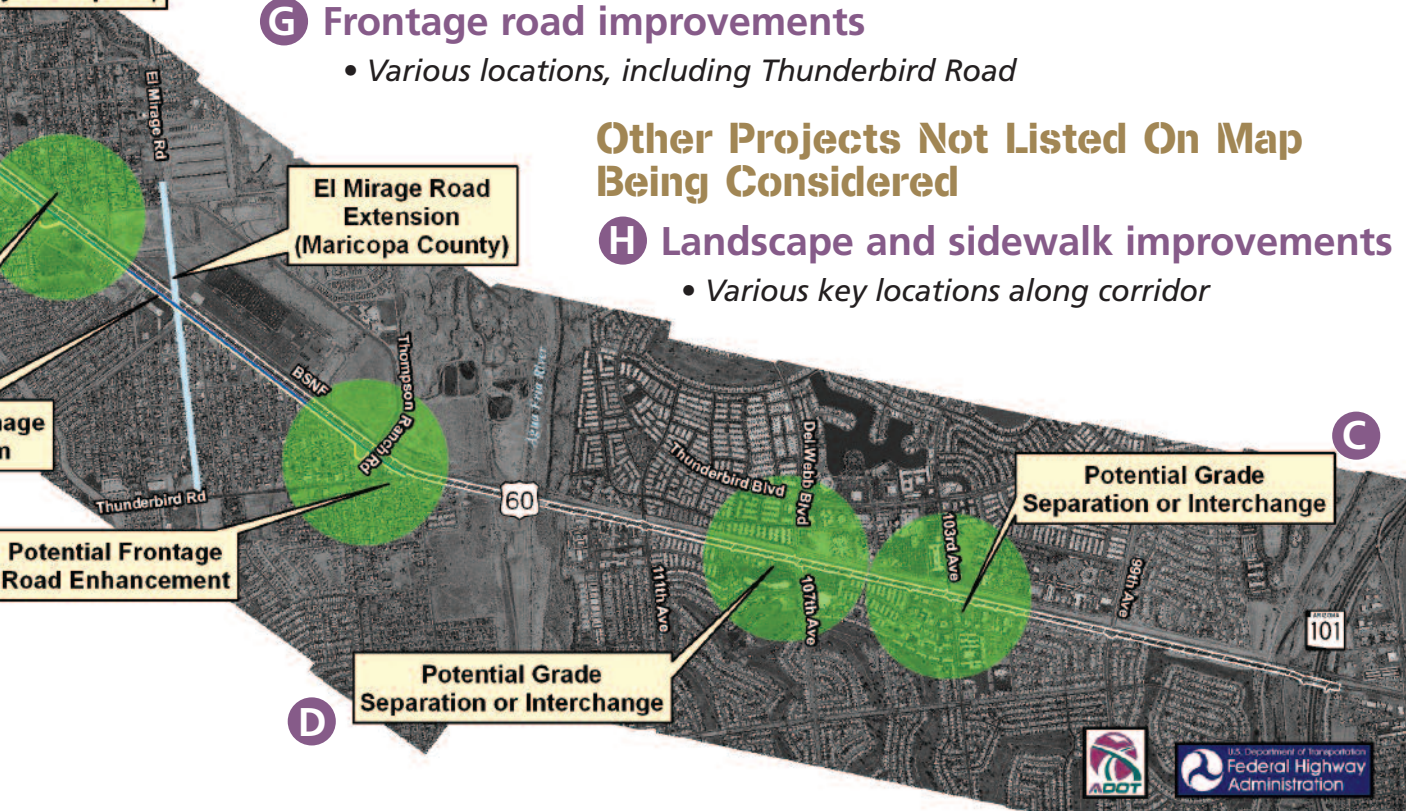
F Convert open drainage channel to closed system

- Adjacent to eastbound Grand Avenue between Dysart Road and Agua Fria River

G Frontage road improvements

- Various locations, including Thunderbird Road

Dysart Road
Improvements
(City of Surprise)



Other Projects Not Listed On Map Being Considered

H Landscape and sidewalk improvements

- Various key locations along corridor

Study Process and Timeline

ADOT initiated the Grand Avenue Feasibility study in summer 2007 and expects to publish a report on the study findings in summer 2008. The public's input is being sought throughout the study process – first on the initial projects under consideration, and then on the draft recommendations for projects to include in the final study report. In addition, a Grand Avenue Working Group, which is composed of representatives from the cities, county and key stakeholder groups along the Grand Avenue corridor – has been formed to ensure a high level of input from each community. The group will meet four times during the course of the study to review potential projects in detail, help identify criteria to rank projects for consideration, and provide feedback on draft recommendations for the study report. The input received from the Working Group and the general public will be considered by the study team, along with technical study data, in the development of final project recommendations.

Below is a timeline of the anticipated study process.

- **Summer 2007**
 - *Obtain input from local jurisdictions on potential projects*
- **Summer 2007-Spring 2008**
 - *ADOT study team technical research and analysis*
- **Fall 2007**
 - *Form Grand Avenue Corridor Working Group*
 - *Host first public meeting to obtain initial input from general public*
- **Spring 2008**
 - *Prepare draft recommendation on preferred projects*
 - *Host public meetings to obtain input on draft recommendations*
- **Summer 2008**
 - *Finalize and publish study report*
 - *Post study summary on ADOT Web site*

How to Provide Input on the Study

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